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Mr. Yoel Roth
via e-mail

Dear Mr. Roth:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of how and to what extent the Executive Branch has coerced and colluded with companies and other intermediaries to censor speech.¹ We believe that you are uniquely positioned to aid the Committee's oversight, as you served as Twitter's Head of Trust & Safety until 2022.² Accordingly, as part of the Committee's constitutional oversight obligations, we write to request that you appear for a transcribed interview with the Committee.

The Committee's investigation, along with other public reporting, and publicized discovery in an ongoing federal court case, *Missouri v. Biden*, have exposed how the federal government has pressured and colluded with Big Tech and other intermediaries to censor certain viewpoints on social and other media in ways that undermine First Amendment principles.³ As has been well-documented, during your tenure as Head of Trust & Safety, you met with various federal agencies on numerous occasions regarding issues that are relevant to the Committee's investigation.⁴

Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction to conduct oversight of matters concerning "civil liberties" to inform potential legislative reforms.⁵ In addition, H. Res. 12 authorized the Committee's Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government to investigate "issues related to the violation of

¹ See Ryan Tracy, *Facebook Bowed to White House Pressure, Removed Covid Posts*, WALL ST. J. (July 28, 2023); Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim_Jordan), Twitter (July 27, 2023, 12:03 PM) (Facebook Files Part 1), https://twitter.com/Jim_Jordan/status/1684595375875760128.

² Declaration of Yoel Roth, ¶ 2, Federal Elections Commission MUR 7821, (Dec. 17, 2020).

³ See, e.g., Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim_Jordan), Twitter (July 28, 2023, 12:03 PM) (Facebook Files Part 2), https://twitter.com/Jim_Jordan/status/1684957660515328001; Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim_Jordan), Twitter (Aug. 3, 2023, 11:00 AM) (Facebook Files Part 3), https://twitter.com/Jim_Jordan/status/1687116316073930752; Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim_Jordan), Twitter (Aug. 7, 2023, 10:11 AM) (Facebook Files Part 4), https://twitter.com/Jim_Jordan/status/1688553339624042496.

⁴ See, e.g., Roth Decl., *supra* note 2, ¶¶ 10-11.

⁵ Rules of the House of Representatives R. X (2023).

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the civil liberties of citizens of the United States.”⁶

To schedule your transcribed interview, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 2023. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member

⁶ H. Res. 12 § 1(b)(1).